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SUBJECT: RELIEF PROGRAM SOUTH SUDAN - UNHCR

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1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO STRESS TO JAMIESON WHEN HE RETURNS NOV 15 THAT INTENT OF USG FOOD PLEDGE WAS TO MEET NOT RPT NOT TO EXCEED RELIEF-RELATED FOOD NEEDS IN SOUTH AS THEY DEVELOPED. WE NATURALLY RELIED ON VOLAGS WHO WERE DOING ACTUAL DISTRIBUTION TO CALL FORWARD AMOUNT NEEDED. FROM ALL AVAILABLE EVIDENCE WE BELIEVE THEY DID SO SINCE, AS NOTED REF A, ALL REFUGEES SO FAR RETURNED HAD BEEN FED.

2. THE APPROVED FY-74 PROGRAM (WHICH SHOULD BE ADDED TO FY-73 DELIVERIES FOR OVERALL USG FOOD CONTRIBUTION) WAS BASED ON VOLAGS' BEST ESTIMATES OF CONTINUING NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FOOD FOR NEW RETURNEES. IF THESE ESTIMATES
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PROVE TO BE GROSSLY INADEQUATE, AID/W WOULD BE WILLING,

WITHOUT COMMITMENT, TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE INCREASE IN FY-74 PROGRAM LEVEL. HOWEVER IN VIEW EXTREME LIMITATION ON TITLE II COMMODITIES AND OTHER PRIORITY DEMANDS, WE CAN GIVE NO ENCOURAGEMENT THAT ADDITIONAL FOODS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN FY-74.

3. IN INTEREST OF KEEPING RECORD STRAIGHT, THOSE IN-COUNTRY STOCKS WHICH WERE BORROWED FROM WFP TO HELP INITIATE PROGRAM WERE FULLY REPLENISHED. THUS WHILE JAMIESON'S

STATEMENT PARA 3 REF A IS TECHNICALLY CORRECT AS FAR AS IT GOES, ITS IMPLICATION SEEMS MISLEADING AS IT DISTORTS TRUE SITUATION.

4. DEPT'S NOTES OF MAY 3 MEETING INDICATE SHORTFALL IN FOOD CONTRIBUTION DISCUSSED AND JAMIESON, IN LETTER OF MAY 19 FORWARDING FURTHER JUSTIFICATION FOR BRIDGE PROJECT, ACKNOWLEDGED WITHOUT MENTIONING SUBSTANCE THAT "FOOD SITUATION" AMONG SUBJECTS COVERED IN THAT MEETING. HOWEVER, WE SEE NO PURPOSE IN ARGUING WITH JAMIESON'S RECOLLECTION. INSTEAD EMBASSY SHOULD AGAIN SUGGEST THAT IN VIEW FACT FOOD REQUIREMENTS ORIGINALLY OVERESTIMATED, UNHCR'S PROGRAM BUDGET SHOULD BE REDUCED BY AMOUNT OF REDUCTION IN USG FOOD CONTRIBUTION IN FINAL ACCOUNTING.

5. WE SEE NO VALID REASON FOR JAMIESON TO FEEL HIMSELF IN "BIND" SINCE PROJECTED FY-74 FOOD CONTRIBUTION EXPECTED MEET CONTINUING NEEDS OF EMERGENCY PROGRAM. NOR SHOULD JAMIESON HAVE ANY EMBARRASSMENT IN DEALING WITH REDUCTION IN USG FOOD CONTRIBUTION SINCE GOALS OF FEEDING PROGRAM WERE FULLY MET.

6. PARA 2, REF A REPORTS JAMIESON INDICATED TO GOS THAT "USG MIGHT HOPEFULLY PROVIDE ONE-HALF NEEDED FUNDS/ COMMODITIES, BUT THIS COULD NOT BE DONE AS LONG AS GOS/USG DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BROKEN". AS EMBASSY AWARE, PROVISION EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE DOES NOT RPT NOT REQUIRE DIPLOMATIC TIES AND U.S. COMMITMENT WAS IN FACT MADE PRIOR TO RESUMPTION DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. ASIDE FROM FACT JAMIESON STATEMENT TO GOS INCORRECT FACTUALLY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEPT. IS CONCERNED THAT HE MAY HAVE GIVEN GOS IMPRESSION THAT HE SPEAKING FOR USG.

7. DEPT. COMMENTS ON POSSIBLE USE LOCAL CURRENCY FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.

8. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENT ON UNHCR AND JAMIESON ROLE IN SOUTH, SINCE IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING

ANY OUTSTANDING UNHCR ACTIVITIES WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO
UNDP NOVEMBER 1.

9. ALTHOUGH WE WILLING RECEIVE HIM AND REPEAT ABOVE
INFORMATION, DEPT. DOES NOT BELIEVE ANY USEFUL PURPOSE
WOULD BE SERVED BY JAMIESON VISITING WASHINGTON. CASEY

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